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SUBJ: SOVIET GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON CYPRUS

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1. A NEW SOVIET GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON CYPRUS CALLS FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES, THE RETURN OF MAKARIOS AS HEAD OF THE LEGAL GOVERNMENT, AND FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JULY 20 SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON CYPRUS.

2. THE STATEMENT, FRONTPAGED IN PRAVDA JULY 29, SEEMS TO REFLECT MOSCOW'S GROWING CONCERN THAT A SOLUTION MIGHT BE REACHED WHICH WOULD EXCLUDE MAKARIOS. IT ALSO
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SEEMS TO BE A VEILED WARNING AGAINST ANY PERMANENT

PARTITION OF THE ISLAND. ALTHOUGH ONLY GREEK FORCES ARE MENTIONED EXPLICITLY, THE CALL FOR THE REMOVAL OF "ALL FOREIGN FORCES" WOULD OBVIOUSLY APPLY TO THE TURKS AND BRITISH AS WELL. MOSCOW THUS MAKES CLEAR THE LIMITS OF ITS EARLIER ENDORSEMENT OF TURKISH MILITARY ACTION.

3. THE STATEMENT DOES NOT IMPLY THAT THE SOVIETS INTEND TO TAKE ANY DIRECT ACTION TO SEE THEIR WISHES FULFILLED, BUT IT DOES SPEAK OF THE DANGERS OF FURTHER TROUBLE IF THE PRESENT CRISIS IS NOT RESOLVED "IN THE INTERESTS OF THE CYPRIOT PEOPLE." THE STATEMENT WAS TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH MOSCOW'S CALL FOR SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION, AND CONVEYS MUCH OF THE SAME TONE, BUT IT DOES NOT CALL FOR A SPECIAL MISSION TO GO TO CYPRUS. STOESEL

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